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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] Preferred particulate fillers include fused silica having an average particle size of about 1 to about 50 micrometers. A particularly preferred particulate filler comprises a first fused silica having a ~~median~~ average particle size of about 0.03 micrometer to less than 1 micrometer, and a second fused silica having a ~~median~~ average particle size of at least 1 micrometer to about 30 micrometers. The preferred fused silicas have essentially spherical particles, typically achieved by re-melting. Within the size range specified above, the first fused silica may preferably have a ~~median~~ average particle size of at least about 0.1 micrometer, preferably at least about 0.2 micrometer. Also within the size range above, the first fused silica may preferably have a ~~median~~ average particle size of up to about 0.9 micrometer, more preferably up to about 0.8 micrometer. Within the size range specified above, the second fused silica may preferably have a ~~median~~ average particle size of at least about 2 micrometers, preferably at least about 4 micrometers. Also within the size range above, the second fused silica may preferably have a ~~median~~ average particle size of up to about 25 micrometers, more preferably up to about 20 micrometers. In one embodiment, the composition comprises the first fused silica and the second fused silica in a weight ratio of about 70:30 to about 99:1, preferably about 80:20 to about 95:5.

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